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ON DRAFT DECISION

REFS: A. GENEVA 5250, B. GENEVA 5312, C. GENEVA 5337, D. GENEVA 5354
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1. WORKING GROUP (WG) MET AGAIN PM 6/30 AND TRIED, AT FRANTIC PACE, TO REACH CONSENSUS ON OUTSTANDING ISSUES AND TO DECIDE ON FORMAT OF DECISION(S). HOWEVER, AFTER SOME QUESTIONABLE AND CONTROVERSIAL RULINGS FROM THE CHAIR INDICATED THAT THE PACE WAS TOO FAST, THE WG ADJOURNED UNTIL 7/1 AM. INTRODUCTION OF IRANIAN AMENDMENT (REF D) WAS LAST ITEM CONSIDERED.

2. CHAIRMAN MALIK, UNDER PERSONAL TIME CONSTRAINTS, PUSHED THE WG THROUGH MOST OF THE REMAINING PARAS. THE WG ADOPTED A NEW PREAMBULAR PARA COVERING THE CONCERNS OF THE FRG: QUOTE REITERATING THE NEED TO STRENGTHEN THE COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AMONG ALL ORGANIZATIONS OF THE UN DEVELOPMENT SYSTEM AND TO ENSURE AN INTEGRATED AND INTER-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO OPERATIONAL ACTIVITIES, PARTICULARLY IN
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THE FIELD. END QUOTE THIS PARA WOULD FOLLOW THE REAFFIRMATION OF THE CONSENSUS' VALIDITY.

3. DISCUSSION ON THE CHAPEAU TO PARA (A) WAS LIVELY, WITH MALTA LEADING AN OBSTINATE CORE OF OPPOSITION TO ANY WORDING WHICH IMPLIED GUIDELINES FOR THE FUTURE. SWEDEN DEFTLY SUGGESTED AND THE WG AGREED ON MOVING THE PRE-

AMBULAR PARA ON QUOTE RECOGNIZING THE NEED FOR CONTINUED DEVELOPMENT AND STRENGTHENING OF UNDP IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE WORK OF THE PROGRAM END QUOTE TO THE END OF THE PREAMBULAR PARAS, AND THEN MAKING THE CHAPEAU OF PARA (A) SIMPLY QUOTE ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING. END QUOTE

4. SUBPARA (B) (I) WAS DELETED WHEN NO COMPROMISE WAS POSSIBLE ON THE IDEA OF HARMONIZING MULTISECTORAL DEVELOPMENT CONCEPTS. EVEN TWO INTERVENTIONS BY DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR PATEL, AND NUMEROUS CAVEAT LANGUAGE FAILED TO SWAY BRAZIL AND OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

5. SIMILARLY SUBPARA (B) (III) WAS DELETED (ON THE EXTENSION OF THE COUNTRY PROGRAMMING FRAMEWORK). ALTHOUGH MALTA AND OTHER COUNTRIES WHICH ALREADY DO THIS ARGUED THAT THE PRACTICE WAS SANCTIFIED BY THE CONSENSUS AND THAT, IN ANY CASE, THE LANGUAGE IN THE PARA WAS PERMISSIVE, THE PRC ARGUED FORCEFULLY (SUPPORTED BY THE UK) AGAINST THE PARA OR IN FAVOR OF LIMITING IT TO UN ASSISTANCE. THE PARA WAS DELETED OVER STRONG RESERVATIONS BY NETHERLANDS.

6. IN ONE OF HIS MORE CONTROVERSIAL RULINGS, MALIK ALLOWED THE DELETION OF THE PARAS ON THE STUDY OF OVERALL TECHNICAL COOPERATION REQUIREMENTS. MALTA, AGAIN, AND THE PRC, FRANCE AND USSR OPPOSED WHAT THEY TERMED A BROAD AND PURPOSELESS EXERCISE.
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7. SRI LANKA AFTER CLEARING WITH U.S. AND MALTA INTRODUCED PROPOSAL TO REPLACE U.S. PARA ON THE RESERVE. TEXT ADOPTED READS: QUOTE TO PROVIDE THAT ANY ADDITIONAL RESOURCES WHICH ACCRUE TO THE PROGRAM OVER AND ABOVE THE PROJECTED RESOURCES FOR THE 2ND CYCLE SHOULD, BY DECISION OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL IN EACH CASE, BE ALLOCATED TO THE PROGRAM RESERVE TO BE USED PRUDENTLY BOTH FOR SPECIAL AND EXTRAORDINARY PURPOSES ABOVE IPF LEVELS, OR IF REQUIRED TO THE OPERATIONAL RESERVE TO PROTECT AGAINST THE POSSIBILITY OF FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES IN THE FUTURE; THIS SHOULD BE WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE DECISION TO BE TAKEN ON THE EXPERT VARIANCE ACCOUNT DEFICIT DURING THE MID-TERM REVIEW. END QUOTE

8. BY TIME OF IRANIAN AMENDMENT (REF D), MEETING WAS IN NEAR CHAOS. BRAZIL OBJECTED TO FRENZIED LEVEL OF ACTIVITY AND PROPOSED ADJOURNING. INDONESIA SHOCKED WG BY PROPOSING TO BRACKET EARLIER ADOPTED PARA ON UNDP'S CENTRAL FUNDING ROLE. AT THIS POINT, SUPPORTED STRONGLY BY U.S. AND USSR, MALIK ANGRILY DENIED THE INDONESIAN REQUEST, POINTING OUT THAT SUCH A MOVE WOULD PLACE IN

JEOPARDY ALL OF THE PARAS ADOPTED THUS FAR BY THE WG.
THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:30 AND WILL RESUME ONLY WHEN
THE PARAS AGREED ON HAVE BEEN TRANSLATED INTO ALL
LANGUAGES.

9. COMMENT: ONLY LAST MINUTE RESOLVE OF MALIK SALVAGED
WHAT APPEARED TO BE A DELIBERATE ATTEMPT BY SOME TO
UNDERMINE THE WORK OF THE GROUP. EXCEPT FOR IRANIAN AMEND-
MENT, WHICH WILL BE DECIDED FRIDAY, INTEGRITY OF DECISION(S)
APPEARS ASSURED, DESPITE SOME SETBACKS THURSDAY.
USDEL CONTINUES TO BELIEVE STRONGLY THAT DECISION(S)
REPRESENTS IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD BY GC ON UNDP'S FUTURE
ROLE AND ACTIVITIES. END COMMENT.SORENSEN

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